



PET FOOD
ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION DIVISION : IMPORT PROCEDURES

COMMODITY CHARACTERISTICS

- Unbasted pet chews
- Basted pet chews
- Dried pig ears and Cow Hooves
- Prepared pet food

PROCEDURES

"Designated countries or regions": countries or regions which have been recognized by CFIA free of the diseases of concern.

For the purpose of this directive, the diseases of concern for each species from which the product is derived are as follows:

For pet food containing ingredients of **ruminant (bovine, ovine or caprine)** origin, designated country must be free of foot-and mouth disease and BSE. ***Dried pet chews such as bovine ears, bull pizzles and cow hooves must come from countries free from foot-and-mouth disease only (BSE is not a disease of concern for these last products). For rawhide pet chews, there are no diseases of concern.***

If contains ingredients of **porcine** origin, designated country must be free of foot-and-mouth disease, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, classical swine fever (hog cholera).

If contains ingredients of **avian** origin, designated country must be free from Velogenic Newcastle disease and pathogenic avian influenza (fowl plague).

RAWHIDE PET CHEWS, DRIED PIG EARS, PIG TAILS AND CATTLE EARS must be:

- dried, degreased, dehaired, free of blood and dirt
- comminuted or single piece
- in final packaging or bulk
- if basted, must be in dry form

RAWHIDE PET CHEWS

From USA: Proof of origin acceptable to Revenue Canada

Risk: Low

From any country: CCI (Commercial Customs Invoice) describing the commodity

Risk: Low

DRIED PIG EARS, PIG TAILS AND CATTLE EARS

From the USA: Proof of origin acceptable to Revenue Canada.

Risk: Low

From designated countries : Official certificate of origin specifying that commodity is dried;

Risk: Low



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From non-designated countries: Official certificate from country of origin stating that the product was treated to at least 70 degrees Centigrade for a minimum of 22 hours (Any other proposed treatment must be evaluated by Headquarters-HQ); **Risk: Medium**

DRIED BULL PIZZLES AND COW HOOVES FOR USE AS PET CHEWS:

From the United States: Proof of origin acceptable to Revenue Canada **Risk: Low**

From Designated Countries : Official certificate from the country of origin specifying that the commodity is dried. **Risk: Low**

From non-designated countries:

Cow Hooves: Official certificate from the country of origin stating that the cow hooves have been subject to a minimum temperature of 140 degrees Centigrade for a minimum of 2 hours. **Risk: Medium**

Dried Bull Pizzles: needs import permit pursuant to Section 52.(2). **Risk: Medium**

PREPARED PET FOOD:

1. **Cooked canned commercially prepared pet food** containing animal by-products (bone meal, meat meal, blood meal, rendered animal fats, gluestock, meat, inedible meat).

From the United States: Proof of origin acceptable to Revenue Canada **Risk: Low**

From all countries recognized free of BSE by CFIA: CCI describing that it is commercially cooked sterile canned product **Risk: Low**

From countries not recognized free of BSE by CFIA: prohibited. **Risk: Medium**

2. **Prepared (processed pet food) bulk or final packaging other than cooked canned**

From the United States: Proof of origin acceptable to Revenue Canada **Risk: Low**

From designated countries and free of BSE: Certificate from the country of origin (ingredient list to be obtained prior to importation); **OR**, import permit pursuant to Section 52.2. **Risk: Low**

From non-designated countries but free of BSE: import permit pursuant to Section 52.2; **OR**, in the event that an import permit does not accompany the shipment, the shipment is accompanied by certification attesting to acceptable processing (as determined by HQ). **Risk: Medium**

From countries not recognized free of BSE by CFIA: prohibited.

NB: When the prepared pet food contains only plant products, highly processed products, fish ingredients or fishmeal as ingredients from any country, and no other regulated animal by-products, it may be imported if a CCI is referred to Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspector and the inspector is satisfied that it does not contain any other regulated ingredients.



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PLANT PRODUCTS:

- in final packaging for pet food, for wild bird feed or as ingredients
- from any country

may be imported **WITHOUT RESTRICTION** according to the Animal Health Program Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFA), .

FISHMEAL:

- in bulk or as an ingredients or any fish ingredients
- for any use including pet food
- from any country

may be imported **WITHOUT RESTRICTION** according to Animal Health program of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFA), .

IMPLEMENTATION:

For rendered material see respective directive.

This general import directive supersedes all specific or general directives related to pet food and pet chews.

This directive relates to AH import requirements and does not remove any obligation to the Canadian importer to comply with the import requirements of other Canadian Food Inspection Agency programs and/or other departments.

Amendment: **April 6, 2001**